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## FARMER'S MARKET

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## THE RACE IS ON IN DISTRICT NINE

By

Phil Johnson

After two successful campaigns for district elections, San Francisco voters will get their long sought chance to elect neighborhood supervisors on November 8th.

There are 132 candidates registered citywide for this election, with several additional write-ins. District Nine, which includes Bernal Heights, Ingleside and Glen Park, has 12 candidates.

They are: medical salesman Louis Allsopp, journalist Richard Boyle, urban consultant Robert Covington, professor Lee Dolson, Edwin Duckworth, pharmacist Dr. Amancio Ergina, businessman Edward Freeman, realtor Adolfo Majewsky, businessman Richard Modolo, arts promoter Michael Nolan, Leslie Payne and florist Vincent Rovetti.

Ten of the candidates recently appeared at a candidates night at the Precita Valley Center, which ironically is not in District Nine. The Journal will concentrate on these as the serious candidates.

With three weeks left in the campaign, six candidates have a reasonable chance of winning the election.

On the left-progressive side are Boyle, Covington and Nolan. On the right-conservative side stand Dolson, Ergina and Rovetti. Unless two of the leading candidates on either side drop out of the race and throw their support to the remaining progressive or conservative, the election will remain a toss-up until Nov. 8.

As thought, money is not as crucial a factor in this election as in the past, with some candidates running on a new pair of shoes and a handful of postage stamps.

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The Bernal Journal is an open forum of the community sponsored by the Bernal Heights Association and the Bernal Fund. It is dedicated to providing the people of Bernal Heights with neighborhood news, ideas, issues, and events. Editorial decisions are made by interested people who contribute. The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., at 1621 York.

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## Candidates Cont. from page 1

The major competition among candidates seems to be over volunteers rather than political contributions. The major issues for both sides are housing, jobs and taxes. Every candidate seems to want more housing, more jobs, and less taxes. They differ on how to get them.

Two of the progressive-liberal candidates are running on the platform of the Community Congress, Boyle and Covington. Both Boyle and Covington were integral parts of San Franciscans for District Elections (SFDE) which wrote the original legislation for district elections under the umbrella of the Community Congress.

Covington claims to be the "originator" of the idea of District elections, which Boyle denies as he sat on a committee for district elections in the Haight Asbury in 1964, six years before Covington moved to the city.

Some of the major points of the Community Congress platform, written by some 1,000 people at meetings in the summer at City College are:

1. Taxes- Would change the system of city and counties taxing people on property, taxing corporations and individuals according to wealth

and allowing cities to tax commuters income. 2. Housing - Would support neighborhood control over development in its area, as in the Elsie Street case. Also it would change the real property transfer tax from the buyer to the seller of housing on a down-sliding progressive scale of 5 years. Profits would be taxed at 75% if a house were sold in the first year. Homeowner

individuals who live in their house would not be exempted, but an appeal board would be set up in the cases such as job transfers or an additional child being born. 3. Jobs- Would repeal right to work laws and support the right of unions to collectively bargain and strike, except binding arbitration for police and fire. Would seek state and federal job training aid.

Mike Nolan also favors an anti-speculators tax, but would exempt owners who live in their homes altogether on the same graduated scale downward over a period of years. On taxes, Nolan favors shifting the burden from home-owners to downtown business and seeking state aid. For jobs, Nolan favors economic development of commercial streets such as Cortland and Ocean and seeking state and federal assistance as in the California Conservation Corps and CETA.

Lee Dolson is perhaps the leading conservative candidate, having been formerly elected to the Board of Education. He is endorsed by Al Nelder, the incumbent supervisor in this district who chose not to run.

Dolson sees street crime as a major problem and advocates more police patrols. On taxes, Dolson feels that large sums of money can be saved by trimming "budgetary excesses" from city expenditures and thereby lowering taxes. He said that "a reasonable shift of taxes to business" could be made, but not so much to discourage the profit motive and the enlistment of new business.

Vince Rovetti gave the most impassioned performance of the evening with talk of more police staff, jobs for everyone and cutting the fat out of the city budget. Rovetti would stimulate jobs by encouraging the district to support the local businesses. He is opposed to an increase in the business tax.

Dr. Amancio Ergina supports seeking state and federal aid for creating and rehabilitating housing, citing his experience as president of the Housing Commission in San Francisco and know-how in getting such aid. To stimulate jobs, Ergina said that there is an "anti-business feeling in the city" that has to be turned around to attract new business and jobs.

In this reporter's view, these are the strongest candidates. All have money, staff and to varying degrees large blocks of volunteers.

Less visible is Edward Freeman, who made a strong showing at the candidates night. Freeman, who owns a trucking company, has been involved in getting CETA jobs for youths. Freeman pointed out that a large por-

tion of city construction contracts are going to out-of-town firms, costing San Franciscans jobs and tax monies. He would try to turn this around.

Louis Allsopp favors seeking new sources of revenue other than the property tax, such as an income tax and a commuter tax. He supports job preference for San Francisco residents.

Adolfo Majewsky cited the problems of the aging as important, pointing to his service on several city boards concerned with the elderly. He also supports no tax increase and no Muni fare increase.

Richard Modolo favors getting property tax relief at the state level. For jobs, Modolo supported encouraging business in the city, affirmative action and youth job training programs.

The other two candidates, Edwin Duckworth and Leslie Payne were not at the candidates night and could not be reached by phone.

The election marks the beginning of decentralization of power away from city hall and downtown business to the neighborhoods. There is no runoff provision for this election, so the Journal urges everyone to get out and vote. Regardless of which candidate wins, we urge district-wide support of the new supervisor in the interests of all people living in District Nine.

## BHA VOTES

On Monday October 10 the Bernal Heights Association voted on several of the ballot propositions that will be decided by the voters on November 8. The purpose of the vote was to instruct the B. H.A. representative to the Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods, Jim Haas, how to vote on the various issues in the next meeting of the Coalition.

The voting went as follows:

Prop. A, a bond issue to provide automatic irrigation systems in some of the city's parks and playgrounds--opposed.

Prop. C, A bond issue for expanding the San Francisco Airport--opposed.

Prop. F, a proposal to establish the term of the Chief Administrative

Officer of San Francisco at ten years rather than the present life term--approved.

Prop. K, a charter amendment allowing each supervisor in the city to choose his own administrative aide not necessarily from the Civil Service lists--approved.

Prop. U, advising the Board of Supervisors to purchase the International Hotel, remove its code violations, and transfer it to the Housing Authority for low-rent public housing--approved.

Prop. W, advises the Board of Supervisors to ban billboards, except for businesses advertising their own product or service on their own property--approved.

# Mission Nursery

Applications are now being received from parents with pre-school children by the Mission Cooperative Nursery School, now in its 28th year. The children, ages 2 years, 9 months to 5 years, 9 months attend school five mornings a week.

The S.F. Community College District sponsors this Parent Education Program and provides the credentialed teacher. The parent group provides the assistant teacher and 6 parents attend each morning to give the children a caring and stimulating environment. The parents get together each Tuesday evening to discuss topics related to their children. The school is bilingual. The monthly fee is \$27.50 and scholarships are available.

Mission Cooperative Nursery School is fortunate to be re-located at the Peixott Clubhouse and Playground on 15th and Beaver Streets (off Castro Street) and easily accessible by public

transportation from all parts of the city. It is nested in a natural setting of trees, hills and sand on the north slope of the J. Randall Junior Museum. The children and parents will often visit and make friends with the Museum animals, including hamsters, turkeys, snakes, owls, turtles, racoons, etc.

For further information please call 552-2929 (AM) or 863-5755 (PM).

## Alabama Block Club

The Alabama Ripley Block Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Precita Valley Center. The meetings are scheduled at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is Nov. 2.

According to Lill Kruse, the next meeting is tentatively about the problems of drugs and alcohol. Lill asks that anyone with suggestions call her at 282-4598.

The block club is bounded by Army St., Folsom St., Esmeralda St. and Ripley St. Anyone living in the boundaries is encouraged to attend.

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# A BIRD OVER BERNAL

By  
Barbara Pitschel

Of all the birds that inhabit our hill, my favorite is the American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius sparverius*). Although often referred to as a Sparrow Hawk, this is actually a misnomer. Sparrow hawks are large European accipiters (true hawks) which hunt sparrows, while kestrels are small falcons subsisting primarily on grasshoppers. (It can be observed that sparrows and finches, which react violently at the sight of large hawks, complacently share telephone wires with kestrels.)

In size kestrels are between robins and pigeons, the female being larger. The male is more brightly colored, having blue-grey wings. Both have rusty backs, rusty tails banded in black, and distinctive head markings: rusty crown above grey band, white cheeks striped in black, white throat, and black ear spot. The call is a high-pitched "klee klee klee" or "killy killy killy."

Kestrels frequently perch on poles, wires, or dead tree limbs, which afford a good view of the surrounding terrain. When they observe suitable prey they dive. (A perched bird can frequently be identified by a characteristic bob of the tail by which it maintains its balance.)

Kestrels will be easiest to recognize on windy days, due to their capacity to "perch on the wind." A bird hovering almost motionless in the air is an impressive sight. (The ideal time and place to observe this is in summer or early autumn over the west slopes of the hill.) When prey is spotted, the bird dives to the ground, grasps the food with its talons, and resumes hovering. In this position it eats its insect (although larger prey, such as a mouse, would probably necessitate a return to the perch.)

Like all birds of prey, kestrels have extraordinary vision, permitting keen discrimination of form, distance, and motion. Large eyes permit a large image to be cast on the retina. There are two dense concentrations of visual cones in each eye, which increase depth perception. The forward ones give binocular vision. There is a high ratio of optic nerve fibers to visual cells. The muscles that control lens curvature and therefore regulate focal length, are highly developed. Magnification is three or four times greater than ours, enabling the bird to see a grasshopper from a distance of 50 to 80 feet.

Although I do not know where, I believe that at least one pair nests in this vicinity each year. I base this conjecture on several years' observation of the patterns of kestrel activity.

During the winter a male and a female bird are frequently seen. The male's majestic soaring and diving has appeared to be courtship behavior. (This is very different from hunting flight, during which the bird's attention is focused on the ground.) From March until June, I would no longer see them. This coincides with nesting behavior of the species. In June, I would again see birds, often as many as four or five, hovering on wind currents. This would coincide with the fledging of the young.

This year I have seen as many as eight at one time. Such a large number may be a result of the drought, as there is normally a high mortality rate due to parasites in young birds during wet weather. (It is interesting to note that kestrels are extremely tolerant of aridity; they do not require surface water as they obtain their liquid from their prey.)

During autumn the disheveled appearance of some of the birds indicates a moult. Fewer birds are then seen, leading me to believe that they begin to disperse in an attempt to establish territories of their own.

The species is not fastidious in its nesting behavior. A typical nest site would be an undecorated tree hole, frequently abandoned by another species, or a similar feature of a building.

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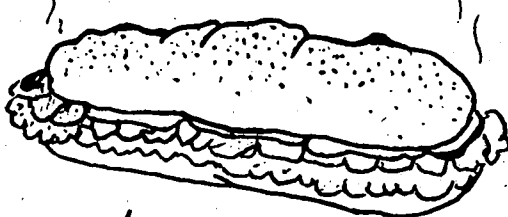
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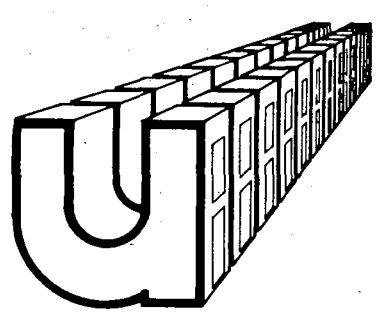
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# PROPOSITION



Proposition U asks: "Shall the City and County of San Francisco purchase the Internation Hotel, remove its code violations, and transfer it to the Housing Authority for low-rent public housing?" The Voters Handbook statement, submitted by Controller John Farrell, states the cost as "approximately 2½ million." Farrell based his figures on an estimated renovation cost of \$976,432 with the remainder going to acquire the Hotel.

According to "Yes on U" Committee Attorney Bill Carpenter, the controller mistakenly and illegally used figures for both these costs that are far higher than what is called for in the Proposition U statement. Documents filed by Carpenter as part of his Superior Court suit show that the San Francisco Housing Authority estimated the cost of bringing the Hotel into

compliance with the City's Building Housing Code (exactly what Proposition U calls for) as only \$75,000. A similar estimate by the San Francisco Bureau of Building Inspection was only \$65,000.

Farrell has indicated that he based the \$976,432 figure on the Housing Authority's own, higher standards. The reason the figure is so high, according to Carpenter, is that the Housing Authority follows standards set by HUD, which requires bathrooms and kitchens and larger room sizes than are mandated under the City's codes. "Proposition U says nothing more than that the City shall remove the Hotel's code violations," Carpenter pointed out. "The Controller acted illegally in basing his estimates on excessive standards not called for in Proposition U." "In addition," continued Carpenter,

"the Controller's estimated acquisition cost is nearly \$300,000 above the Hotel's appraised value as given in the Housing Authority's own documents. The price for the Hotel would be fixed at that amount, set at the time the Housing Authority filed its eminent domain action earlier this year."

# Candidates Nights

There are several candidates nights coming up in Bernal Heights in the remaining weeks before the election.

They are:

1. Nolan and Covington: Oct. 18
  2. Boyle and Dolson: Oct. 25
  3. Rovetti and Ergina: Oct. 27
- All of the above are at 100 Putnam St. at 8:00 p.m.

The Bernal Heights Association is holding a candidates forum and debate at St. Kevins, 704 Cortland Ave. on Wed. Oct 19th. District Nine will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and District 6 from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

# Safe Project

The Bernal Journal wants to make a SAFE retraction. In the August issue article on the SAFE program, it was incorrectly stated that you could use your Social Security number as identification on your valuables. Your California driver's license number or California Identification number are the proper ones to use. The police can identify these two numbers in five minutes. SAFE also has forms so that you can copy down all of your serial numbers and when the police call with their list, you can verify with yours. This hastens the returns of your stolen goods.

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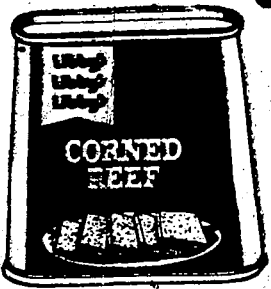


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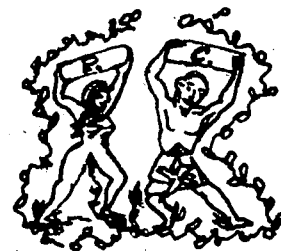
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## BERNAL HEIGHTS

By Nancy Walker

The Bernal Heights Association (BHA) has been around for 10 years. It has accomplished some truly fine work. Through the years, the BHA has been the major vehicle for community organizing on the Hill.

Today, there are many kinds of groups and organizations doing work in Bernal; block clubs, COMO, MPC, the Community Boards Project, Project Safe, the Arts and Trades Council, Elsie Street, Recycling, etc, etc. I see the role of the BHA changing, just as Bernal Heights has changed.

I am a Bernal Heights chauvinist. It is the most exciting, interesting neighborhood in the City. We have the most incredible mixture of people--every conceivable ethnic, economic, racial, political, social and cultural grouping has roots here.

What we want to do with the BHA is make it a clearinghouse of information for people doing work on the Hill, and to be a vehicle for doing creative planning about the future of Bernal Heights. Also to be a place where people living here can bring problems

and try, by working together, to solve these problems.

We are trying to form a Youth Committee, because many of the problems here relate to young people, and a bunch of adults sitting around at a meeting cannot know or understand the young people of Bernal Heights. The same is true for seniors.

We need help planning and struggling with the City to get our Neighborhood Center, and we are trying to get federal money for a Health Center (24 hours a day, 7 days a week with doctors, etc.) to serve the residents of Bernal. There is a great deal of work to be done, and it is going to take a lot of people to get even part of it accomplished.

Plans are being made to get the Bernal Journal out monthly and to distribute it to every household in Bernal--in itself a large order. We want it to carry information that will help people who live here to deal with everyday problems of survival

We have massive problems of unemployment, job training, housing, health, and crime in Bernal Heights. As a community we must begin to address those problems and create ways of solving them. We need help and input from people all over this crazy hill.

The BHA meets the second Monday of every month. The last meeting was held on October 10th at St. Kevin's Church, the next meeting will be on the 14th of November at Precita Park Cafe. We plan to alternate the meetings between the North and South sides of the Hill. Our December meeting will be a Party--food, drinks, entertainment, music, dancing. FUN.

We invite all of you to come to the BHA meetings. The November meeting should be of particular interest, as Pat Scott (also corresponding secretary of the BHA) will be addressing problems around education. Pat is the Chair of the Unified Schools Committee on planning for integration in our schools, but her information details much beyond "integration" (why, for instance, should students from an integrated community like Bernal Heights be bussed elsewhere for classes?). The meeting begins at 8:00 PM, but we have a social time before the meeting which starts at 7:30 PM. Please come and find out what is happening on the Hill. Meet your neighbors and get involved.

### The PRESIDENT'S

Corner



Collage by Carrie Carlton

## PROFILE: Ruth Maginnis

By

Rex Israel

Ruth Maginnis, the head librarian of the Bernal Heights Branch, 500 Cortland Ave., is a native of San Francisco. She attended San Francisco State when it was still a college and the University of California where she received her master's degree in Library Science.

She lives within walking distance of Bernal Heights with her family in a lovely victorian house which she and her musician husband are renovating.

The insights Ruth has gained as head of the Bernal Branch were the subject of the following interview with the Bernal Journal:

**WHAT IS THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE LIBRARY AND HOW DO YOU SEE THE COMMUNITY?**

This library tries to be very closely attuned with the community, probably more than any other library in the city. We try to go to community meetings, keep in touch with people's specific needs, and keep them filled. For instance, there's an unemployment counseling service in this area. That indicates that there's a great need for books and materials on how to get a job, unemployment benefits, welfare--all kinds of services that may not be that important to people in other neighborhoods. But they're important here, so we try to zero in on those areas and provide mass information. The main problem is that a lot of people in the community see us as a great big in-

stitution that is not going to fill their needs. A guy who is walking around down the street

listening to Latino music on his transitor might think the library is as far away from what he needs as anything in the world. Mostly, if he knows anybody who comes in here, he's much more willing to come in, because it's a fairly relaxed place. We don't keep the noise down. It's relaxed! It has to fit the neighborhood.

**YOU DON'T INSIST ON A LIBRARY VOICE?**

No. We have a few complaints from older people about that. But this is a community of a lot of people who are distrustful of institutions and of a lot of people from other countries where libraries weren't public. When I talk to people who have come from the Philippines they often are surprised that the library is free and that we have that many materials that they are interested in; and, they get hooked! Especially if they were afraid they couldn't come in contact with any kind of service like this. The library is still full of things that were here twenty years ago that people don't use that much any more. But what we're buying now is very current. What we buy for kids is current. Things on monsters--if that's what they want, that's what they get, because that's what they'll read. And we do try to keep them reading.

**WHY IS THIS LIBRARY DIFFERENT?**

It isn't that different from all the rest. Except that I and

the other librarians who have worked here over the last ten years have tried to be very much in touch with the community in getting out on the streets, visiting other agencies, and visiting community meetings--anybody we need to contact. Because if we stay locked in this building, it's going to die--the whole thing!

**IN WHAT WAY IS THE LIBRARY SPECIAL?**

We probably should mention that we do have Spanish books. We don't have a tremendous Spanish language collection, but we have a fairly decent collection. We don't have enough for the community of people who speak dialects from the Philippines, but we're trying to get those materials. We have some for children, but not for adults. We have a good Black History collection. And it's used very heavily in the neighborhood. We try to keep in touch with what's interesting. The Community Garden--we try to supply as many books as possible for things that they are getting involved in. The neighborhood artists--we try to keep in touch with what they need in their library.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THIS COMMUNITY?**

I've been working in this community for four years. I like working in ethnically mixed communities. I enjoy it and have some knack for it. This is the best neighborhood I've worked in.

**WHAT IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR WORKING DAY HERE?**

When I get a whole bunch of little kids completely mesmerized, a whole bunch of four year old kids who are usually tearing walls down and breaking windows. They become mesmerized with some books. It happens about three times a year. It is worth it though.

**WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO LIBRARIANSHIP?**

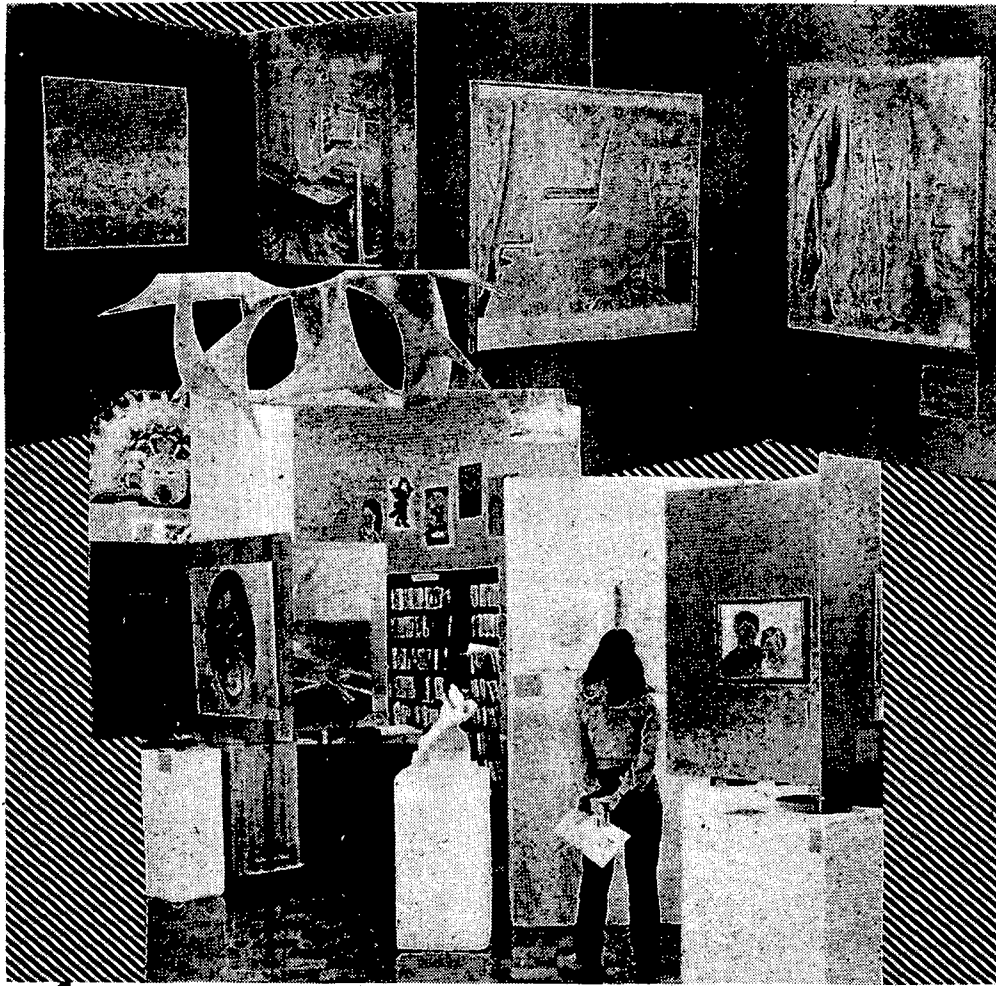
I love to read and I thought this would be an easy way to spend a day reading books. I found that's wrong. I don't have any time to read.

**WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER INTERESTS?**

My hobby or interest is cooking, besides working with kids. Cooking, refinishing furniture, and I like to buy cheap things. I must be the best expert in the city on where to get things cheap. People can come to me and ask me and I will know where to get what cheaper than anywhere else. And how to get in if they bar the door on the places I send you.

**IN CONCLUSION, RUTH, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?**

We want people to know they can always call the library at 285-1744 for information.



Collage by Carrie Carlton

## Library Art Show

The 2nd Annual Bernal Heights Neighborhood Show will be on display at the Bernal Branch Library at 500 Cortland through November 16th. Residents of the hill have many hand created works--paintings, graphics, sculptures,

pottery, drawing, photographs and textile pieces--in the exhibit.

Everyone is invited to view the show during the Bernal Branch open hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday 1-6 PM, Tuesdays 10-12; 1-6 PM, and Wednesdays 1-9 PM.

## CHILDREN'S CLINIC

A free Children's Clinic, from birth to 12 years of age, will be held at 300 Bennington the first and third Friday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. starting November 1977. The dates for these clinics in the following months are:

November 4th and 18th  
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## ART NEWS

There will be an Arts and Crafts Bazaar and Christmas Party Carnival on Saturday December 17 at Precita Center. The Bernal Heights Arts and Trades Council along with other area groups will be participating in the affair. All local artists, artisans, craftspeople, and interested residents are invited to attend and participate in the bazaar.

A planning meeting for the event will be held on Wednesday November 2 at Precita Center beginning at 8:00 p.m. Any interested persons are invited to attend. Other matters on the agenda for the meeting besides the bazaar are: the possible formation of an artists materials co-operative and discussion of use of the facilities of Precita Center by anyone in the community.

There are four job openings through the Neighborhood Arts Center of San Francisco. The jobs are: bookkeeper, with some familiarity with arts administration or community arts; typist; receptionist/clerk; and printer/designer. The last three jobs are available to persons qualified through Aid to Families with Dependent Children (A.F.D.C.).

## Adult Education

Frequently there is a difference between the true needs of a neighborhood and the services being offered by the city agencies and institutions. But now there is a chance for some

adult education classes to happen in Bernal Heights according to the needs and with the input of the neighborhood. The community can have a voice in who the instructors will be, as well as what the classes will be about and what the hours will be. The one difficulty is the requirement of 20 persons in attendance for every class meeting.

In November, there will be the following organizational meetings: Nov. 8, Senior Citizens; Nov. 15, Job Skills; Nov. 22, Child Care Programs; Nov. 29, everything else. If you are interested in getting these classes started, if there is a certain type of class you would like to attend, or if you feel you would be a good teacher for Bernal Heights residents, please attend one of these meetings. Or, if time is inconvenient, call Pat Helton at 647-3665 to give your input. These organizational meetings will be held at 307 Cortland at 4:00 p.m.

This is an especially good opportunity for groups of people, such as schools, churches, or clubs, who feel they need special help in vocational or avocational interests. For one month there will be assistance in getting the classes organized.



# BHA ACTS FOR TFW

By  
Jackie Palmer

On August 8th, the Bernal Heights Association passed a resolution in support of the Texas Farmworkers historic March for Human Rights. The 80 day, 1500 mile March began in Austin, Texas and ended in Washington, D.C. on Labor Day.

The farmworkers were seeking the support of the President, Congress, and the American people for a National Agricultural Labor Relations Act granting collective bargaining rights to all farmworkers in the United States.

They were also calling for the repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, the legal basis for state "right to work"

laws. Section 14(b) gives states the right to outlaw union shops. Most of the states in the South and southwest, where the work force is primarily made up of minorities, are "right to work" states.

Although the March for Human Rights is over, the fight to repeal Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act continues. "Right to work" laws mean businesses will continue to runaway in search of cheap labor. For example, recently in San Francisco, Planter's Peanuts, American Can and Levi Strauss have moved to "right to work" states, resulting in higher unemployment here.

For Bernal Heights, runaway shops mean not only loss of jobs, but also loss of needed tax monies, causing various neighborhoods to fight among themselves over the crumbs.

With District Elections, we now have an opportunity to hold the

supervisory candidates responsible to: 1. support collective bargaining for all employees including City workers; 2. support repeal of Section 14(b); 3. lower property taxes by putting the burden on downtown business.

The only way to really find out what the various supervisory candidates stand for AND to find out what your neighbors are concerned about is to attend community forums and candidates' nights. Check another part of the Bernal Journal for a listing of these events.

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## EDUCATION

There are now free classes available for any person over eighteen in a large variety of interests. The choices range from Tai Chi Chuan to Office Practice, including such things as conversational Spanish, Making and Repairing Clothes, Typing, Complete High School Course, G.E.D. Preparation (G.E.D. is the test you take to get your high school diploma without having to take all the courses).

Jamestown Community Center at 23 st. and Fair Oaks is offering an especially interesting selection. Every Wednesday 7-10 p.m. is Hol-

istic Medical and Health Self Care, which includes self care for many common health problems; medical skills such as blood pressure measurement, throat and ear exams, massage, women's self health, alternative healing such as acupuncture biofeedback, herbalism, homopathy, polarity massage, psychic healing; and Nutrition as Preventative Medicine and Heart attack Emergency rescue.

On Tuesdays 12-3 p.m. is Gourmet Vegetarian Cooking and on Wednesday 10-1 p.m. is a class by Larry Menkin, veteran T.V. film writer, producer, and director. He will be teaching how to develop skills in writing T.V. plays, screenplays, commercials, news,

documentaries, government and industrial film writing, public service announcements, and children's stories. According to the teacher, there are no prerequisites for enrollment in the course and it is especially oriented to minority writers.

There are many centers close to our neighborhood. Although the classes started in September, there is open enrollment. You can sit in the class first to see if you like it. If you want more information about the classes, you can call Mission Community College Education Center, 648-1415. The variety of classes is amazing. Also counseling, evaluation, and testing is available. If you want to try to swap babysitting or rides, call Pat Helton at 647- 3665.

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## A Place Where People Can Get The Services They Need.

Bernal Heights needs a Community Center which can provide residents with a full range of needed services, including job training and placement, health services, legal services, recreation facilities for youth and seniors, and childcare. The Board of Supervisors should make funding available to acquire and maintain a Community Center in Bernal Heights.

## A Place Where People, Not Real Estate Developers, Make The Decisions.

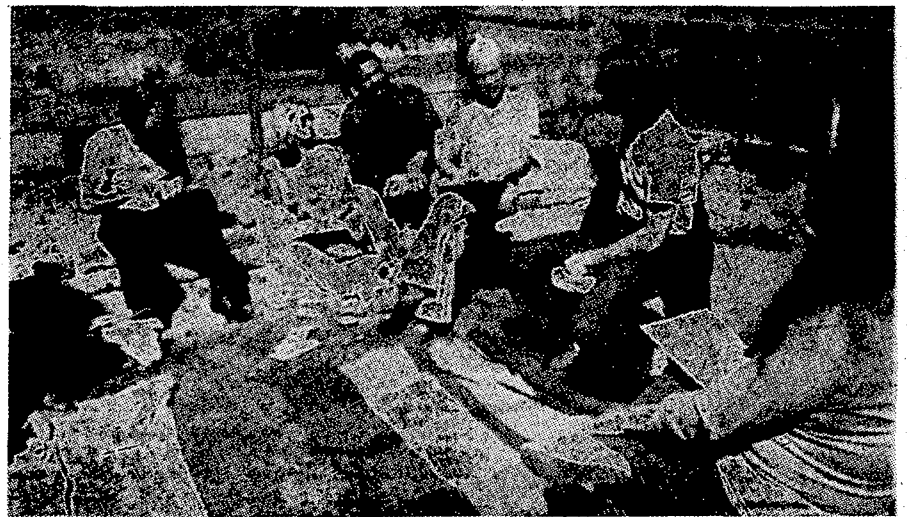
There's no good reason why people on Elsie St. should have to spend months fighting to keep a private developer from destroying their neighborhood. The Board of Supervisors should adopt legislation that will allow no building or demolition permit to be issued without community participation in the planning process.

## A Place Where People Can Find Decent Housing At Prices They Can Afford.

No new low-cost housing has been built in San Francisco for 5 years, and existing public housing in District 9 has been neglected to the point that it is now unsafe. We need a policy requiring that all new housing construction include a fair proportion of low and moderate income units, and family housing. Existing public housing must be renovated and properly maintained.

## A Place Where People Who Want To Work Can Find A Job.

The most urgent need in District 9 is for union jobs with strong affirmative action programs, and preferential hiring for residents. The Board of Supervisors can create new job opportunities by increasing those essential community services--e.g., childcare, parks and recreation, and municipal transportation--which have been cut back or ignored to provide more services for downtown interests.



# Now You Need A Supervisor Who Will Help You Make It Happen!

Bob knows San Francisco and has been very active in community work. He was one of the six original organizers of district elections in 1971 and has been involved in each of its activities-PROP K, PROP T, and of course our recent victory NO ON A AND B.

Bob was one of the key organizers of the first coming together of the various communities and groups in San Francisco-THE COMMUNITY CONGRESS of 1975. He is presently working on the 1977 COMMUNITY CONGRESS. Bob has worked on voter registration and struggled with other community people around criminal justice, transportation, housing, health, employment and community development issues.

Bob is the President of the FEDERATION OF INGLESIDE NEIGHBORS (FIN), chair of the S.F. BLACK POLITICAL CAUCUS, a member of CITIZENS FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT (CRG) and the OMI Community Association.

Bob understands that there is no panacea, no magic solution to the city's problems. He knows how to communicate with a wide range of people. He knows how the bureaucratic structure of city government functions, because he has carefully studied it- often discovering new ways community people can use it to make the city work better for us.

Bob can provide the new leadership that we have worked so hard for on the Board. In electing Bob we will be electing a program for real change in San Francisco and a proven leader with the ability to deliver it.



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# WHAT BAKKE MEANS

by Roberta Shellenberger

In 1974 Alan Bakke filed suit against the University of California charging that he had been a victim of "reverse discrimination" in his attempt to gain admittance to U.C. Davis Medical School.

The California Supreme Court ruled in Bakke's favor, and his case is to be heard before the U.S. Supreme Court sometime this month.

If the Supreme Court rules in Bakke's favor, "reverse discrimination" and talk of "rights of white people" will be the weapons used to blame minorities for a shortage of jobs and educational opportunities for all people, and affirmative action programs will be a thing of the past.

Even now, 13 years after the 1964 Civil Rights Act, minorities are under-represented in professional and well-paid, skilled jobs. In the U.S. the ratio of white doctors to the white population is 1 per 700. For Blacks it is 1 per 3,800, for Native Americans 1 per 20,000, and for Mexican Americans 1 per 30,000.

We have a long way to go before we can say that saving 16 out of 100 slots for minorities at U.C. Davis Medical

School is "reverse discrimination", as Alan Bakke claims.

The Bakke case points out the fact that while 3,700 applied, only 100 could be accepted into U.C. Davis Medical School. We are in need of more doctors, yet medical school admissions requirements are becoming more and more stringent. Education should be made a priority in terms of the federal budget. Why shouldn't all qualified students be able to participate in higher education?

Bernal Heights is an area made up largely of working people, including many minorities. We are also an area which is plagued by unemployment. Affirmative action is a policy which we must all support. Fighting for the equality of minorities is the fight for a decent standard of living for all people through demands for expansion of the job market, quality education and adequate, accessible health care.

## Farmer's Mkt.

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tive Officer, Roger Boas, to budget monies for a complete renovation of the facility.

The Block Club would also like to see the City act to alleviate the traffic congestion on busy market days.

The first stop planned by the Block Club is a meeting with Roger Boas. Anyone interested in working with concerned residents is invited to call COMO 648-5605 or chairperson Shaunee Power 648-1377.

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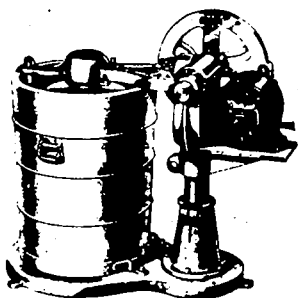
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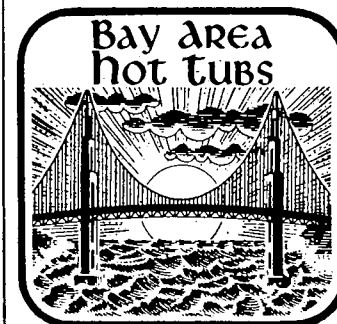
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